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2 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
3 WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK  
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ERIN GURSSLIN,

5 Plaintiff,

6 v.  
7 Civil Action No. 20-cv-6508

8 THE CITY OF ROCHESTER, A MUNICIPAL ENTITY, POLICE  
9 OFFICER JEREMY NELLIST, POLICE OFFICER JOSHUA  
10 KELLY, COMMANDER FABIAN RIVERA, LIEUTENANT AARON  
11 SPRINGER,  
12 Defendants.

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14 Video-recorded Deposition Upon Oral Examination of:

15 12 Sergeant Ryan J. Romig  
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1 SERGEANT RYAN J. ROMIG - BY MR. SHIELDS  
10:21:16 2 MS. JONES: Peachie Jones with the City of  
10:21:19 3 Rochester for all Defendants.  
10:21:21 4 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Thank you, Counsel.  
10:21:23 5 Our court reporter today is Christine  
10:21:25 6 Vigna, also with Alliance Court Reporting.  
10:21:27 7 She will now swear in our witness.  
8 SERGEANT RYAN J. ROMIG,  
9 called herein as a witness, first being sworn,  
10 testified as follows:  
11 EXAMINATION BY MR. SHIELDS:  
10:21:46 12 Q. Good morning, Sergeant.  
10:21:47 13 A. Good morning.  
10:21:48 14 Q. My name is Elliot Shields. I represent  
10:21:51 15 the Plaintiff in this case whose dog was shot and  
10:21:55 16 killed by several RPD officers on September 6, 2018.  
10:22:00 17 I'm going to ask you some questions today.  
10:22:03 18 First, I'm just going to go over some  
10:22:05 19 ground rules for the deposition. Will you tell me if  
10:22:10 20 you don't understand my question?  
10:22:11 21 A. Yes.  
10:22:13 22 Q. And will you tell me if you find my  
10:22:17 23 question to be confusing?  
10:22:18 24 A. Yes.  
10:22:19 25 Q. And will you tell me if I have assumed an

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1                   SERGEANT RYAN J. ROMIG - BY MR. SHIELDS

11:36:46 2                   about dog behavior?

11:36:47 3                   A. I don't know if I'm conflating in my brain  
 11:36:55 4                   the in-service training or the academy. So I know  
 11:36:58 5                   that I've learned about dog behavior, but I don't know  
 11:37:00 6                   if -- if I'm remembering it from the in-service or the  
 11:37:04 7                   academy. I would imagine it's from the in-service  
 11:37:07 8                   which was much more recent.

11:37:09 9                   Q. Okay. So since the academy -- and not  
 11:37:13 10                  talking about any SWAT training -- have you gotten  
 11:37:19 11                  any -- tell me all the training that you've received  
 11:37:21 12                  about interacting with dogs.

11:37:24 13                  A. There was an off-the-road in-service. I  
 11:37:28 14                  don't remember what year it was. Somebody from either  
 11:37:32 15                  animal control or the Humane Society came in and they  
 11:37:38 16                  talked about how to identify an aggressive dog based  
 11:37:43 17                  on their body posture, their body language. They  
 11:37:46 18                  talked about, you know, some potential ways to try to  
 11:37:55 19                  keep the dog at bay. That's really the most I  
 11:38:02 20                  remember about it --

11:38:04 21                  Q. Okay.

11:38:05 22                  A. -- so --

11:38:06 23                  Q. Was that training geared towards dealing  
 11:38:12 24                  with quote/unquote aggressive dogs?

11:38:14 25                  A. The parts I remember of it had to do with



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1                   SERGEANT RYAN J. ROMIG - BY MR. SHIELDS  
 11:38:23   2 identifying the body language of an animal, whether it  
 11:38:27   3 be playful, scared, defensive, aggressive. And then  
 11:38:32   4 some ways to mitigate the risk if -- if the dog is  
 11:38:36   5 being aggressive toward you.

11:38:38   6                   I don't remember if they covered anything  
 11:38:41   7 else as far as, you know, response to dogs.  
 11:38:52   8 The -- that's all I remember about that in-service.

11:38:55   9                   The only other kind of things that I  
 11:39:00 10 remember is, in SWAT school when they talk about  
 11:39:05 11 scouting, they talk about the signs that a dog might  
 11:39:08 12 be living in a home. So, you know, dog feces,  
 11:39:13 13 doghouses, be aware of dog signs, fences, dog bowls,  
 11:39:20 14 leashes, you know, the sort things to be on the  
 11:39:23 15 lookout for when you're scouting a location that might  
 11:39:26 16 be indicative of a dog being present.

11:39:29 17                   Q. Okay. So I want to talk about the SWAT  
 11:39:34 18 training separately in a minute. But going back to  
 11:39:39 19 training that you've received post-academy, did you  
 11:39:46 20 receive any training about the things you just  
 11:39:52 21 mentioned regarding scouting separate from your  
 11:39:56 22 training with the SWAT team?

11:39:59 23                   A. I don't know if they covered that in the  
 11:40:04 24 in-service. I also know they sent out some roll call  
 11:40:08 25 trainings, but I don't remember the details of them.



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